

In the Specification:

paragraph at page 16, line 1:

The stretchable side portions 6 and 8 can be constructed of conventional woven or nonwoven materials, formed from a wide variety of elastic and stretchable polymers. Suitable polymers include without limitation block copolymers of polystyrene, polyisoprene and polybutadiene; copolymers of ethylene, natural rubbers and urethanes; and combinations of the foregoing. Particularly suitable are styrene-butadiene block copolymers which have been sold by Shell Chemical Co. under the trade name KRATON[®]. Other suitable polymers include copolymers of ethylene, including without limitation ethylene vinyl acetate, ethylene methyl acrylate, ethylene ethyl acrylate, ethylene acrylic acid, stretchable ethylene-propylene copolymers, and combinations thereof. Also suitable are coextruded composites of the foregoing, and elastomeric staple integrated composites where staple fibers of polypropylene, polyester, cotton and other materials are integrated into an elastomeric meltblown web. Certain elastomeric ultra-low density olefin polymers such as single-site or metallocene-catalyzed olefin polymers and copolymers are also suitable for the side portions 6 and 8. Referencing Figs. 2 and 3, the stretchable side portions 6 and 8 are desirably rectangular in shape, and desirably, as shown in Fig. 2, extend from the top of the waist opening 10 to the leg openings 12 and 14. The side portions 6 and 8 may also be laminates of multiple layers, and are desirably breathable to water vapor but impervious to liquids.